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June 18, 2004

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator
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Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendments of the Stanislaus Council of Governments' (STANCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 16 | Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies City of Modesto transit projects. The projects include funds from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 and 5309 programs. |
| 21 | Transit Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies City of Turlock transit projects. The projects include funds from the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 programs. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve these FTIP Amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project type within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. This amendment is not included by STANCOG in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The STANCOG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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Vince Angelino - Stanislaus Council of Governments
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